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### Residents Pleased

The work even undertaken by the Lake Worth Herald is the manner of things which was as highly satisfactory to all of the residents as the flood control work itself. "The government is doing right" is a statement that is heard on all sides, the government is referred to being the Federal Government, and nothing through the War Department.

The length of time that has passed since the first flood in U.S. history has not dimmed the district's cheer by the standard of the work accomplished; it would have been complaisance of being led by the nose by the other agencies, and under the circumstances is accepted as necessary for the welfare which it is intended with every good intent, and fix a standard for the future.

Confidence in the integrity of the U.S. engineers is in the confidence of their work, and the basis for cordial relations between the residents and the government. All of the expressions of the residents' expressions of respect and esteem for the men who are engaged in the flood control work.

### GAS TAX 1929 AND 1931

In the eastern part of Palm Beach county there was complaisance that the county did not get back the amount of money that is paid as a tax on gasoline. The speculators in real estate who bought themselves playing their own game, were holding on to the gasoline tax, distribution, and every conceivable cause, commissioners called about a hundred candidates for the legislature told about what they were going to do to abolish the "outrage."

If these speculators have planted attention to what went on at Tallahassee this session and comprehended the facts they have learned that Palm Beach county got a little more than its proportion of the gasoline tax provided for under laws enacted at the 1929 session of the Florida legislature.

The fight—the very real and hard fight—in the 1931 session will prove to be actual advantage that Palm Beach county and a few others have in the present distribution of the gasoline tax.

At the close of the 1929 session the Lake Worth Herald attacked the Palm Beach county delegation in the legislature of that year and said it had done nothing for the relief of taxpayers in Palm Beach county, and that the legislature did nothing for the relief of the people who were rebuked by some of the Herald's followers. The Lake Worth county delegation in the legislature of 1929 was Senator Alvin L. Moore, State Representative Robert E. Oliver and Howard Sharp. The character of their ability and extent of their services are known by the people that under a prior system of distribution of gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax, Palm Beach county got about \$35,000 a year under the laws that Senator Moore and Representatives Oliver and Sharp supported, Palm Beach county got about \$20,000 a year from the same source.

The Lake Worth Herald and its sale tax advocate friends "reindeem" that the state legislature did not tax for payers in Palm Beach county, but their obfuscation did not prevent the school board and many commissioners from getting hundreds of thousands of dol-

lars extra money and spending it without having to levy the usual taxes in Palm Beach county property.

It is my opinion like that of the Lake Worth Herald that too often drivers and men of participation in public affairs and criticism often inspired selfishness and malice, rather than tolerance and self-sacrifice, than relates to the conduct of business and to his peace of mind.

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In 1921 when Lewis and Bass joined with others in an effort to form a flood control commission, it was advised that the commission be disbanded to them, for it will not be discreditable to them, for it will be discreditible against them, if they are strong. The above is true. R. K. Lewis and Bass have to bear at Tallahassee are heavy enough without having to combat ignorance and malice at home.

### Tells When Started, When Finished?

The exact date when construction of West Palm Beach began is often a matter of argument, most not agreeing and others disputing recent records of the disputants to refer to.

Captain Ben Johnson sought to make clear, for he started it—both the canal and the bridge over the river that was said to have begun the construction of West Palm Beach at the east end and that the bridge was completed January 4, 1915. Work at the west end started at Canal Point June 1, 1915. Until then there was no Canal Point.

**MUCH SEED IS SAVED, MEANS BIG FALL CROP**

Weather the past month has been ideal for saving seed from bean vines in the upper Glades and a great deal of seed is being saved for the fall, when go hard on the vines and then gather complaints about the gasoline tax, money distribution, and every conceivable cause, commissioners called about a hundred candidates for the legislature told about what they were going to do to abolish the "outrage."

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## PAHOKEE

The bill giving a new charter for the City of Pahokee has passed both the House and the Senate. Representative Elvin A. Bass will introduce The Everglades News yesterday.

Miss Virginia and Frances Childs have returned to their home in Pahokee spending several weeks as the guests of Mrs. Elizabeth and Vernon Stetley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Himes are spending their summer vacation at the beach of their son, Mr. J. J. Trimble in Tallahassee. C. A. Bell has leased the Pahokee Inn and will operate a bakery and restaurant on the first floor and a hotel on the second floor.

Thurman Knight leaves this week for the north where he will spend the summer.

Thaddeus Wiggin and J. C. Don Little made a business trip to West Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kerr and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Field have returned after spending several days in Tampa attending to business.

H. G. Arden, of West Palm Beach visiting friends.

Clayton Bradford spent Sunday in West Palm Beach.

Mrs. L. M. Mock and daughter, A. E. Shefford are dining the week at Fort Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Norquist have been spending the past few days with relatives here and in Canal Point returned to their home in Fort Myers.

G. W. Sharpen spent Friday in West Palm Beach.

Charley, G. H. and Troy Younts spent Saturday fishing near Jupiter.

J. A. Hulings, who had been in the hospital at West Palm Beach the past few weeks has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sander and family have moved from the Pahookee to the Cape Canaveral area.

Mr. G. E. Blodgett made a business trip to Jacksonville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Yarbrough and daughter, Florence spent Saturday in Miami.

Road signs directing the way to Pahookee have been placed by the Pahookee Chamber of Commerce to the Cape Canaveral area.

A large quantity of homesteading land is being saved for seed makes it certain that the planting of beans in this region will be in the fall of 1931.

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